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Extract of Letter to Author.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.,

Sept. 26th 1889.

To the Superintendent of the Mint,

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Secretary.

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